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| <b>RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION<br/>TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b> |   | Docket No.: DEE6270P0090US |
| Serial No.:   | 09/905,531  | Filing Date: 07/13/2001    |
| Group Art Unit:   | 3745  | Examiner: Frank D. Lopez   |
| Applicant(s):   | Smith et al.  |                            |
| Invention:  | Hydraulic System Diverter Mechanism for Single Lever Control of a Utility Vehicle |                            |

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Amendment B After Final in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
- Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ - month extension of time and the separate fee therefor is enclosed.
- No additional claim filing fee is required.

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- A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed.
- Other:
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of May 14, 2003  
wherein the Examiner rejected claim 1, 2, 4-13, 17-28, 30-33, 35 and 36 and  
withdrew claims 29 and 34 from consideration.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A hydraulic system for a utility vehicle,  
comprising:  
    a first hydraulic implement;